	2006	2007	2008
Number of domestic tourist visits in Rajasthan (million)	23.5	25.9	28.4
Number of foreign tourist visits in Rajasthan (million)	1.2	1.4	1.5
Number of domestic tourist visits in India (million)	462.3	526.6	562.9
Number of foreign tourist visits in India (million)	11.7	13.3	14.1
Share of Rajasthan in domestic tourist visits in India	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%
Share of Rajasthan in foreign tourist visits in India	10.4%	10.6%	10.5%

(c) and (d) The growth rate of domestic and foreign tourist visits in 2008 over 2007 for Maharashtra and Rajasthan are given below:-

State	Growth rate (percentage) in 2008 over 2007	
	Domestic Tourist Visits	Foreign Tourist Visits
Maharashtra	6.9	6.4
Rajasthan	9.4	5.5

(e) and (f) Identification and development of tourist spots is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism projects under the scheme of 'Product/Infrastructure development of tourism destinations/circuits' on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority. Ministry of Tourism has also identified the desert circuit of Jodhpur- Bikaner- Jaisalmer in Rajasthan for development as a mega tourism project. During 2007-08 and 2008-09, Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs. 57.44 crore to Rajasthan for development of 10 tourism projects.

National urban transport policy

1638. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on the National Urban Transport Policy with the emphasis on integrating transport modes in the million-plus cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the aims and objectives of such policy worked out so far; and

(d) the funds earmarked for the States especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (c) The Government has formulated a National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006 which envisages safe, affordable, quick, comfortable, reliable and sustainable urban transport systems, establishment of quality focused multi-modal public transport systems that are well integrated, providing seamless travel across modes, land use transport integration, introducing intelligent transport systems for traffic management etc.

(d) No funds are earmarked under the National Urban Transport Policy.